Besides, the following additional steps for ensuring security at airports have also been taken after the recent attack on the international airport at Colombo:

(i) Deployment of Quick Reaction Team at selected airports

(ii) Intensive patrolling inside and outside of the airports

(iii) Surprise checks at certain selected airports

(iv) Review of security arrangements at major airports by a joint team of concerned agencies.

(c) and (d) Airports Authority of India (AAI) has commissioned the project for Dedicated Satellite Communication Network. Primary and Secondary Radars operating at 11 locations give surveillance cover over the Indian landmass. For surveillnance over oceanic airspace, Automatic Dependent surveillance (ADS) has already been installed at Kolkata.

Corruption Charges against Offciating Commercial Directors of Air India at IGI

3824. DR.Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHAND-RAIAH:

Will the Minister of CIVIL, AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India's Vigilance Department has taken action against the officiating Commercial Directors at the Indira Gandhi International Airport in view of the corruption charges against them;

(b) if so, what were the main allegations made against these officers;

(c) what was the outcome of the enquiry;

(d) what action has been taken against them; and

(e) what steps are being taken to see that such activities are stopped in future?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) There is no Officiating Commercial Director of Air-India posted at the Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGI). However, the Vigilance Department of Air-India was seized of two complaints against two Commercial Managers posted at IGI Airport namely Capt. A. K. Sharma and Shri C. R. Bakshi.

(b) to (d) The allegation against Capt. Sharma was that he had permitted excess baggage and unauthorisedly accepted the expired ticket and upgraded a

passenger related to Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha on Delhi-London sector by flight No.AI-111 of 17.3.1999 against the excursion fare economy class ticket coupon of Delhi-Rome and Rome/Turin.

2. Shri C.R.Bakshi allegedly permitted M/s Hans Air to make financial adjustment which he was not authorised, overlooked back dating of tickets by M/s Hans Air for the fortnight 1—15.8.1997 thereby causing a loss of Rs.7.70 lakhs and aided and abetted passengers of M/s Hans Air in transporting inadmissible passengers to Paris.

3. The case against Capt. Sharma was not processed further by the Vigilance Deptt. of Air-India as no appreciable loss incurred to Air-India.

4. The charges against Shri C. R. Bakshi are under investigation. As an interim measure, Shri Bakshi has been transferred from Commercial to Tourism Section in Air-India.

(e) As and when such activities come to the notice preventive and punitive action is taken against the erring officers.

Commissioning of ILS and Leh Airport

3825. SHRI KUSHOK THIKSEY : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Instrument Landing System has been installed for the last many years at Leh Airport, spending lakhs and lakh of Rupees;

(b) whether it is also a fact that with lack of ILS the little cloudy weather leads to cancellation of flights in this mountainous Himalayan region; and

(c) if so, by when Government propose to Commission the ILS at Leh Airport and the reasons for delay in commissioning the same despite spending exorbitant amount?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) The Air Traffic Control at Leh is managed by Indian Air Force. No Instrument Landing System (ILS) has been intalled at this airport.

(b) The aircraft operations in low visibility conditions become further restricted under non-ILS approach.

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) above.